

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to further clarify the definition of various aspects of the present invention. Specifically, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 10 into claim 7; and, in light thereof, have cancelled claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended dependencies of claims 11-14. In addition, Applicants have deleted "triacyloyloxyethyl phosphate" from the listed compounds in claim 9; and have amended claim 20 to recite the polyfunctional acrylate compound or the polyfunctional methacrylate compound, consistent with the recitation in claim 7. Furthermore, the subject matter of claim 10, incorporated into claim 7, has been amended to recite an "acetoacetal" portion.

The rejection of claims under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112, as set forth in Item 5 bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, is noted. With respect to the subject matter of claim 10 incorporated into claim 7, the polyvinyl acetal resin recites an "acetoacetal" portion; accordingly, basis B) set forth on page 3 of the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, for the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112, is moot.

Moreover, in view of amendments to claims 9 and 20, to delete recitation of the phosphate compound and to recite "the polyfunctional acrylate compound or the polyfunctional methacrylate compound", it is respectfully submitted that the bases for the indefiniteness rejection set forth in A) and C) on page 3 of the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, are moot.

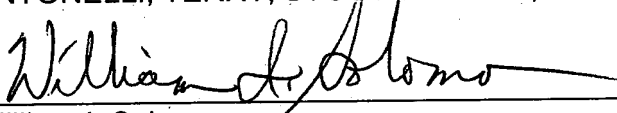
Prior art rejections as set forth in Items 4 and 8 on pages 3-6 of the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, are noted. It is to be noted that claim 10 was not rejected on prior art grounds; and, moreover, in Item 9 on page 7 of the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, it is indicated that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten and/or amended so as to obviate the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112. In light of incorporation of the subject matter of claim 10 into claim 7, the sole independent claim in the application, and amendment of this incorporated subject matter in light of the issue raised by the Examiner under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112, discussed supra, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejections are moot.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims remaining in the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 511.37656X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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